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ELA ASKS FOR COMMUNITY INPUT IN HEALTH SERVICES REPORT

An all-day Workshop, to take place in the East Los Angeles community, to discuss the findings of the Health Services Report and to present the community's specific recommendations, was proposed as an alternative by spokesmen in rejecting an invitation of the L. A. County Health Department to preview and discuss the Report on April 2. The Report, recently published and presented about a month ago to the Board of Supervisors, makes recommendations concerning broad policy and organizational concepts, with emphasis on the consolidation of the County Hospital, Health, and Mental Health Departments.

The proposed Workshop, wholeheartedly endorsed by the Advisory Health Commission, was promptly scheduled for the entire day of April 25, at Stevenson Junior High School, located at Indiana and Hubbard. Frank F. Aguilera volunteered the services of the RMP-ELA Steering Committee as a coordinating body for the Workshop.

Luis A. Pingarron, stating the objections of the community, presented a resolution that had been approved at a preliminary meeting of the community the previous evening: "It is unfair, inconsiderate and completely out of the question to ask our community to react to a report that was received only a matter of days ago, and in such a limited number of copies. The fact that the report was not also printed in Spanish causes speculation as to the real knowledge that was identified in a community that represents the largest concentration of Mexican Americans in the Southwest, most of whom would be affected by the proposed health delivery system." He reminded the Commission that the ELA community had in process a report that emanated from a community health conference held October 25, 1969 (the findings and recommendations of which were unanimously supported by the Board of Supervisors last November) and questioned why these findings were not incorporated in the new report.

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ELA ASKS FOR COMMUNITY INPUT IN HEALTH REPORT (continued)

One of the protests voiced by the community was that no Mexican American representative had been included in the Health Services Planning Committee which produced the Report. The Committee was appointed in 1967 by the L. A. County Board of Supervisors as an ad hoc advisory committee to evaluate the effectiveness of the County health service programs and the organization of County health service departments for delivery of these services. The Committee consists of 21 members. Sixteen were specifically recommended by the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a representative cross-section of the health professions in L. A. County. The other five members were chosen, one each by the members of the Board of Supervisors, are also representatives of the health professions.

Dr. Roger O. Egeberg was Chairman of the Committee until his appointment in July of 1969 to the Department of HEW. Dr. Franz K. Bauer succeeded Dr. Egeberg in heading the committee and the Report is commonly referred to as the "Bauer Health Services Report." The L. A. County Board of Supervisors has accepted the Report in principle and has requested a progress report in four months.

The Workshop, planned to commence at 9:00 a.m. on April 25, is open to all interested persons.

WESTERN RMP COORDINATORS. . .
from Arizona, California, Colorado-Wyoming, Intermountain, Mountain States, Nebraska-So. Dakota, Washington-Alaska, Hawaii and New Mexico gathered in San Francisco Mar. 26 to discuss comparative merits of pending legislative bills which will affect the future of RMP.

WILLIAM A. MARKEY, Deputy Coordinator, who represented AREA V, reports that the general attitude was one of constructive revision to include points favored by Area Coordinators as well as the Administration, for recommendation to the National Advisory Group and the National Council. The

Yarborough Bill received more support than the Javits or Staggers Bills.

The May 11-12 meeting of Western Coordinators, originally scheduled for Boise, Idaho, has been postponed.

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RMP COORDINATORS AND DIRECTORS have been invited by newly appointed Acting Director Harold Margulies, M.D., to meet at Airlie House in Virginia, on May 6-8, to discuss current legislative, fiscal, administrative and organizational developments and plans.

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INDIAN HEALTH

Phase One of the American Indian Free Clinic--the referral service-- might very well be in operation next week, if the installation crew from the telephone company finish their job on the date promised!

The referral service is expected to become an important part of the Free Clinic, since many of the urban Indians arriving in L.A. County are either unaware of existing facilities when assistance is needed or are unwilling or unable to communicate their difficulties to strangers not of their own race or culture. It is expected that most of the calls in the first week or so will concern the anticipated opening date of the Free Clinic but once the Free Clinic has been established and is in operation, the referral aides can expect to be of real service in directing the people of the Indian community to the nearest available resource which can assist them in their particular need.

Standing by to man the phones will be a crew of volunteers who have been trained for this service under the guidance of Mrs. Helene Boughton, of Welfare Information Service.

Ars. Mary Boles is coordinating the referral aides and some of the volunteer nurses, under the leadership of Mrs. Rose Schlichter, will assist with the initial operation of the referral service, until their professional skills can be used in the Clinic.

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AREA V CCU TRAINING

Plans are being readied to loan the AREA V multimedia instructional system for an in-service training program in coronary care nursing to the Memorial Hospital of Glendale--possibly April 27 to May 11. Memorial Hospital has agreed to conduct the class and to invite nurses from Glendale Community Hospital. The latter had also requested a program but did not have classroom facilities available. Dr. Santa Polito, CCU Director and Mrs. Patricia Steedman, RN, Supervising Nurse of the CCU, Memorial Hospital of Glendale, are in charge of coordinating the program with their In-Service Education Department.

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as improvements in the organization and delivery of health services and increases in the numbers of health manpower. Mr. Finch said, last week, that the Department would emphasize ambulatory care rather than inpatient care; promote the development of comprehensive health centers, community mental health centers, and maternal and child health centers to encourage family-oriented care, and would emphasize preventive medicine; experiments with prepaid group practice and pre-payment plans under Medicare and Medicaid were also mentioned.

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AREA V REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS
CALENDAR
April 1970

Thursday, April 9

RMP - ELA	Steering Committee	5:30 p.m. ELA Health Center
COMP - LA CCRMP	Health Manpower Staff Consultants	12 noon - Los Angeles 2-5 p.m. San Francisco
AREA V	Library Services District Meeting	7:30 p.m. Cal Tech Pasadena

Monday, April 13

AREA V	SCRIS	9:30 to 11:00 a.m. RMP Conference Room
AREA V	Indian Free Clinic Planning Committee	7:30 p.m. Compton

Tuesday, April 14

AREA V	Stroke Committee	6:30 p.m. RMP Conference Room
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Wednesday, April 15

AREA V	Social Workers	8:00 to 9:30 a.m. RMP Conference Room
AREA V	Staff Meeting	9:30 a.m.
CCRMP	Data & Evaluation Committee Meeting	2 to 5 p.m. San Francisco

AREA ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS FOR 1970

May 12 July 14 September 8 November 10

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN'S MEETINGS FOR APRIL, MAY, JUNE

April 17 May 1 May 15 June 5 June 19

PACEMAKER REGISTRY PROJECT...

is still not in operation, despite continued efforts of AREA V staff to find means of funding this project which received the conditional approval--without funds--and high praise of the National Council, in January of this year. Exploration to date has involved various mergers of the Pacemaker project into the ongoing CCU Program. The difficulties lie in finding a commitment for the full 36 month period which was approved, since the termination date of the CCU project is Aug. 31, of 1971. A new possibility was raised recently when WILLIAM A. MARKEY met with PAUL D. WARD, Executive Director of CCRMP, who is hopeful of learning by Apr. 8, whether this project is one of those to be funded as part of the recently released \$5 million announced by telegram dated Mar. 21, 1970 from Harold Margulies, M.D., Acting Director RMP Service: "...We have been officially advised that \$5 million of the grant funds of \$20 million carried over from 1969 have been released by Bureau of the Budget and HEW to RMP Service for obligation to the programs during the remaining three months of fiscal year 1970. The balance of \$15 million will be reflected in the 1971 budget now under consideration before Congress. The priorities and methods for allocating these funds are now being developed and will be announced as soon as details are available."

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A recent, welcome visitor to AREA V was Mrs. Patricia McDonald, Coordinator for Planning & Review, CCRMP, who has been touring the California Areas in preparation for the progress reports and continuation applications for core and operational core budgets, due in CCRMP on June 1, 1970.

CCRMP STAFF CONSULTANTS...

have postponed their next meeting to May 14 to avoid conflict with the meeting of RMP Coordinators called by Harold Margulies, M.D. for May 6-8. An item for the Agenda suggested by Paul D. Ward, Executive Director CCRMP is exploration of a recent idea from DONALD W. PETIT, MD:

"Our meetings are generally preoccupied with the administrative and political matters surrounding the Programs, with very little opportunity to talk about the real substance of what RMP is trying to accomplish. Do you think it would not be appropriate to at least discuss the possibility of a region-wide meeting of one or two days' duration in which we could present, and go over, in a somewhat more scholarly way than has been possible so far, some of the productive activities which have never really been seen, either by the Regional Advisory Groups, and possibly, local Advisory Groups. . . It would be interesting to set up some kind of an assembly where, with short papers and discussion groups, we could get into our product; namely, quality care through continuing education, cooperative arrangements, demonstrations, etc., and show how it's actually being done."

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